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DEFENDANTS INDICTED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that five defendants were indicted by a federal grand jury today, in separate and unrelated cases, for illegally possessing firearms.

* **Carl O. Thornburgh**, 30, of Dixon, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury for being a felon in possession of three firearms and illegally possessing marijuana.

The federal indictment alleges that **Thornburgh** was in possession of a Smith and Wesson 9 mm pistol, an Interordinance M59/66 rifle and a Winchester 12-gauge shotgun on Feb. 5, 2004, in Pulaski County, Mo. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Thornburgh** has three 1992 criminal felony convictions for burglary and one 1992 criminal felony conviction for stealing.

The federal indictment also alleges that **Thornburgh** was in possession of marijuana on Feb. 5, 2004, in Pulaski County.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas D. Gaston. It was investigated by the Pulaski County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Darrell L. Freeman**, 41, of Aurora, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury for being a felon in possession of several firearms.

The federal indictment alleges that **Freeman** was in possession of an Amadeo Rossi .38 caliber handgun; an FIE .22 caliber handgun; a Davis Industries .380 caliber pistol; a Springfield

410 gauge-shotgun; a Reminton Sportsmaster .22 caliber rifle; a Remington 30-06 caliber rifle; a .22 caliber rifle produced by an unknown manufacturer; a Stevens 20-gauge shotgun; a Norinco rifle; a Savage .22 caliber rifle; a Winchester 30/30 rifle; a Daisy .22 caliber rifle; a Smith and Wesson 12-gauge shotgun; a Mossberg 20-gauge shotgun; a Ruger 7 mm caliber rifle and a Winchester .22 caliber rifle on Jan. 22, 2004, in Lawrence County, Mo. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Freeman** has two 1980 criminal felony convictions for burglary and one 1980 criminal felony conviction for stealing.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas D. Gaston. It was investigated by the Lawrence County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Charles H. Graham**, 55, of Lebanon, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Graham** was in possession of a Beretta .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol on Jan. 7, 2004, in Laclede County, Mo. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Graham** has a 2001 criminal felony conviction for driving while intoxicated.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas D. Gaston. It was investigated by the Laclede County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Keith V. Glades**, 45, of Joplin, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury for being an unlawful user of a controlled substance in possession of several firearms.

The federal indictment alleges that **Glades** was in possession of a Makarov rifle; an FEG 9 mm handgun; a Taurus .22 caliber rifle; a Laseraim Arms .45 caliber rifle; a Marlin .22 caliber rifle; a Savage .22 caliber rifle; a Norinco SKS rifle; a Remington 742 rifle; a Ruger .223 caliber rifle; and a Beretta 12-gauge shotgun with ammunition on Nov. 10, 2003, in Jasper County, Mo. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any user of a controlled substance to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. The federal indictment alleges that **Glades** was an unlawful user of a controlled substance while also in possession of the firearms.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Alex C. Lewis. It was investigated by the Jasper County, Mo., Drug Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Shannon D. Maloney**, 40, of Aurora, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The federal indictment alleges that **Maloney** was in possession of an Ithaca 20-gauge shotgun with ammunition on Jan. 16, 2004, in Barry County, Mo. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Maloney** has a 1990 criminal felony conviction for assault and armed criminal action.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Alex C. Lewis. It was investigated by the Barry County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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